induced tension into the guard 17, so that the guard will function to snub or retard the opening movement of the door 12 before it reaches the fully opened position shown in full lines in Figure 2.

In Figure 4, I have shown a modified form of the invention, wherein a hinge guard 17', similar to the hinge guard 17, is shown partly applied to a different type of hinge joint, including a swingable door or panel 12' and fixed wall or panel 11' hingedly connected by means of hinges 13'. In the form of the invention illustrated in Figure 4, the hinge guard 17' has generally the same preformed shape as the guard 17, except that the flange 25 is omitted. Instead of the flange 25, the guard 17' is provided with an arcuate, thickened portion 24' corresponding to the portion 24, and this arcuate, thickened section 24' has integrally connected therewith a flange 25' including a flat end or face 27' for engagement against the inner face of the wall 11', as shown. Otherwise, the hinge guard 17' is substantially identical with the hinge guard 17 of the first form of the invention, and the flange 20' of the guard 17' is shown disconnected from the door or panel 12', to illustrate the normal or untensioned position of the hinge guard 17'. When completely applying or assemblying the guard 17' to the door 12', the flange 20' is twisted around in a counterclockwise direction, Figure 4, and secured to the adjacent side of the door 12' with suitable fasteners, not shown, similar to the fasteners 31. When thus completely assembled onto the door 12' and wall 11', the hinge guard 17' serves the same general purposes as the hinge guard 17.

It should be understood that my hinge guard and door snubber may be colored as desired to blend with the coloring of the adjacent door and door frame, and the like. Due to the fact that the hinge guard is formed of rubber or like material, it will be much more durable and less likely to fray and wear than the usual ornamental roll or trim. When applied to automobile doors, my hinge guard will form a highly effective safety device to prevent fingers from being smashed between the inner edge of the

door and door frame when the automobile door is closed. The device will also form an effective snubber or stop to limit the opening swinging movement of the automobile door. The hinge guard may be applied to any device which embodies an unprotected hinge joint, such as certain trunks, suitcases, crates and the like.

It is to be understood that the forms of my invention herewith shown and described are to be taken as preferred examples of the same, and that various changes in shape, size and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claim.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

In a guard for bridging the space between a door jamb and the adjacent edge of a door hinged on the door jamb, a resilient plate elongated in the direction of the length of the door and door jamb, said plate having longitudinal side edge portions, one of said side edge portions comprising a portion of greater thickness than the intermediate portion of said plate and a first flange projecting laterally from one side of the plate, said first flange being adapted to be engaged with and secured to the door jamb, the other of said side edge portions comprising a portion of greater thickness than said intermediate portion of said plate and thinner than said first side edge portion and a second flange projecting laterally from said plate on the said one side of the plate, said first flange having an outer side remote from said second flange and said second flange having an outer side remote from said first flange, the outer side of said first flange being adapted to be engaged with and secured to the door jamb at one side of said space and the outer side of the second flange being adapted to be engaged with and secured to the door at the other side of said space.

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